

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of })
WATANABE et al. })
Application Number: To be Assigned })
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For: A MAGNETIC HEAD AND A MAGNETIC DISK DRIVE })
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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to correct improper claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: